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Fee-free day planned for federally-managed public lands

Celebrate National Public Lands Day by visiting your favorite federally-managed lands free of charge on Saturday, September 20, 2003. Participating in this special fee-free day are the bureaus of the U.S. Department of the Interior, which includes the National Park Service, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service. In the Charleston area, the \$2.00 per person entrance fee to Fort Moultrie will be waived for the day.

"We are delighted that the public has this opportunity to visit the lands that we hold in trust on this very special day," said Fort Sumter National Monument Superintendent John Tucker. "National Public Lands Day is not just a day to visit your parks, forests and wildlife refuges for free. It's a day to celebrate with our families some of our nation's greatest treasures across agency lines."

Located on Sullivan's Island, Fort Moultrie was established as part of Fort Sumter National Monument to preserve and interpret the history of coastal defense fortifications in the United States. First built in 1776 of palmetto logs and sand, Fort Moultrie was a defender of the U.S. coastline until 1947. The site is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information, call park headquarters at (843) 883-3123.

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